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### **GIITEM Serves Numerous Search Warrants** **Coyotes Busted**

On May 18, 2007 detectives from the Gang Intelligence Immigration Team Enforcement Mission (GIITEM) and the Tolleson Police Department received information about several human smugglers (coyotes) operating in the Phoenix-area. GIITEM and Tolleson detectives have conducted several search warrants and arrested numerous human smugglers during this investigation.

Following up on the information, detectives executed a search warrant at 4447 W. Virginia, in Phoenix on May 25, 2007. As a result of the search warrant, 21 Undocumented Aliens (UDAs) were apprehended and 3 known coyotes were arrested on numerous counts of profiting from human smuggling.

The investigation continued and GIITEM detectives served another search warrant on June 12, 2007 at 5750 N. 59<sup>th</sup> Avenue #115. Numerous documents were seized at that location and probable cause was developed to support a search warrant at 5601 W. Grenada, Phoenix which was just executed.

Detectives have just declared the residence at 5601 W. Grenada secure and an on scene command post has been established. Media are invited to the scene, interviews will be provided by GIITEM detectives.

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